(ii) re: Collapse of wall causing death and Injuries to persons in the rice-mill in Shimoga.

SRI A. R. BADRINARAYANA.—I call the attention of the Hon. Chief Minister regarding the collapse of a huge wall and consequent death and injuries to the persons in the rice mill in Shimoga.

SRI H.M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works)-[on behalf of the Chief Minister)] —I wish to make the following Statement :

On 18-3-1976 at about 1-00 P.M. a godown under construction in Shimoga on the Thirthahalli Road collapsed resulting in the death of 7 persons and injuries to 28. The godown belongs to Mangalore Rice and Poa (beaten rice) Mills It is learnt that Messers. Manjunath Kamath and brothers were putting up a big storage godown for keeping levy paddy belonging to the Karnataka Food Corporation. When the workers removed some supporting material on the instructions of the owners, the brick wall, 144 feet in length and 30 feet in height collapsed and fell on the workers. As a result, seven persons died (including one women) and 28 persons were injured. The Superintendent of Police personally supervised the rescue work with the help of Home Guards Fire Force Police personnel and members of the Public. The Deputy Inspector General of Police, Central Range, also rushed to Shimoga for supervising the rescue operation works.

The Proprietor has agreed to pay Rs. 600-00 for the nearest relatives of the dead and Rs. 100-00 for the relatives of the injured.

Following are the names of the deceased :

Shriyuths :

1.	Kuppuswamy Pillai,	aged 40 years;
2.	Manikam, Valegounder,	aged 26 years;
3.	Annamalai,	aged 25 years;
4.	Nagappa,	aged 45 years;
5.	Govindappa,	aged 40 years;
6.	Smt. L. Lakshmamma,	aged 25 years;
7.	Kum. Chaluvakanchana,	aged 7 years;

A case is taken up for investigation by the Doddapet Police Station against the Proprietor Sri Manjunath Kamath and Contractor Chinnaswamy Naidu under Section 334 (A), 337 and 338 of I. P C. (Causing death and injuries by rash and negligent act). They are both arrested on the same day (18-3-1976). Samples of material used for construction are seized for further investigation by Police.

SRI A. R BADRINARAYAN.—For the construction of such a huge wall measuring about 144 ft. in length and 30 ft. in height, may I know whether the Municipality had given a licence for the construction of such a godown?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—My information is that the Municipality had prescribed certain specifications for the construction; and whether the construction was done according to those specifications and all other material are under investigation. Probably it may not be out of place for me to suggest that since it is before the court, it will not be advisable for the Government to disclose such details.

SRI A. R. BADRINARAYAN.—Whether a licence has been taken and issued by the Municipality is the question. I want to know yes or no.

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Such an information is not available in the records before me. My unofficial information is that specifications were prescribed and this may not be upto the specifications. But anyway I cannot tell you straight away about that.

SRI A. R. BADRINARAYAN.—Is the Government aware that allround the rice mill there are wet lands particularly consisting of black cotton soil and the land is very slippery and the foundation is not very deep and who was supervising the work?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—I have already stated that all these things are being examined by a competent authority and certainly Government will take necessary action to see that there is any lapse on the part of the contractor or the owner, they will be punished.

SRI A. R. BADRINARAYAN.—If there are lapses on the part of the parties, may I know whether the Government is prepared to institute an inquiry to the causes of this calamity?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA.—Nobody is too great before the law.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SRI S. M. YAHYA (Minister for Labour).—[On behalf of the Minister for Transport], I beg to lay Notification No.....

MADAM SPEAKER.—The same thing is being continued here also In this connection I would like to give a ruling.

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